GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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FM Radio Stations
Biswas Shri Radheshyam

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that functioning of some FM Radio Stations including Karimganj of Assam has not started and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
(b) the details of measures taken by the Government to start the FM Radio station in the border areas; and
(c) whether the Government has any proposal for setting up new DDKs in the border areas and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
{COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.) }
(a) Prasar Bharati has informed that new AIR FM stations have been approved for setting up at 213 new locations across the country (including 100 W FM Relay Stations at 152 locations) which include 1 kW FM Relay station at Karimganj also. These new AIR FM stations are under various stages of installation.

(b) The details of measures taken by AIR to start FM Radio Station in the border areas are as under:

AIR has already set up 36 FM transmitters at 33 locations in the border areas. Details are given in Annexure-I. In addition to this, schemes for setting up of 31 new FM transmitters have been approved for implementation in the border areas including North East States. Details are given in Annexure-II.

In addition to terrestrial transmission, AIR has already provided 32 AIR channels on Doordarshan's DTH platform (DD Free Dish), which can be received by using DD Freedish set top Box throughout the country including border areas. Further, 13 popular channels of All India Radio can also be received through internet by browsing AIR's website <allindiaradio.gov.in> and by downloading suitable apps on iOS/ Android/ Windows based mobile phones.

(c) Presently, there is no approved scheme to setup new Doordarshan Kendras (Studio centre) in border areas of the country.
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